

Remarks

This application is a continuation of application serial number 10/321,038 in which all claims were allowed. When considering the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, it became clear that unnecessary limitations were found in the allowed claims. Thus, this continuation application has been filed to seek claims that are broader than the original claims, but are believed consistent with the Examiner's statement for reasons of allowance.

Referring to claim 21, it is an arguably broader version of the original claim 1. Claim 21 is believed to include all of the steps that the Examiner cited as providing a primary reason for the allowance of original claim 1. These reasons for allowance are found in the second numbered paragraph of the Notice of Allowance and Fees Due dated September 30th, 2003. The Applicants determined that claim 1 was too specific as, for example, it included certain requirements with respect to the source, drain and gate of the devices as specified in the method claim 1. While these structural limitations within the method claim may not impose any significant limitation on the scope of the method claim, it is believed prudent to recite the claim as set forth in claim 21 without the structural specificity of the original claim 1.

Claim 22 corresponds to the original claim 5, but again it is arguably broader. However, it is believed that each element included in the Examiner's primary reasons for allowance of claim 5 is contained within claim 22. Likewise, claim 23 roughly corresponds to the original claim 14 of the parent application, and is believed to include those elements cited in the Examiner's primary reasons for allowance of claim 14.

The remaining claims do not necessarily correlate to any original claim. However, after considering the reasons for allowance and the prior art, it is believed that these claims properly define an appropriate scope for one or more aspects of the invention, and are supported by the application as originally filed.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are allowable over the known prior art and should be allowed.

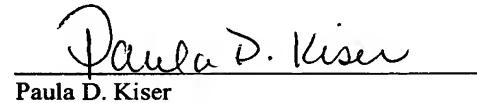
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